

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 9, 2001

Department of Natural Resources
Room 1060

Minutes

Member Present:

HARJA, John – GOPB/DNR
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill - Water Rights
SOWARDS, Glade – NR/ADMIN
GUNNELL, Roy - UDAF
HARTY, Kimm – UGS
ASTIN, Gary (for Duane Mortensen) - DERR
LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR/ADMIN
BRADWISCH, Bill (for Michael Canning - DWR
GEORGESON, Michael – DEQ – Drinking Water
KAPPE, Karl – DFFSL
WRIGHT, Carolyn – DNR/GOPB (Staff)
LANDURETH, Brenda – DNR (Staff)

Others Present:

DELOS SANTOS, Annette - BLM

I. Approval of Minutes

Bill Schlotthauer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Glade Sowards corrected the minutes from the September 11, 2001 - Glade would like to change the text in the “Other Business Section” for further clarification. DNR priority items should be sent to Thomas Brill and Glade with a courtesy copy to Carolyn Wright, so she has a copy of DNR division comments independent of what Thomas and Glade will send to her. Karl Kappe seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously by the committee.

II. Report from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

For the report from agencies regarding anticipated projects, Annette DelosSantos was present to provide an update for the BLM. Bill Schlotthauer asked if there is any indication of the direction that their budget will go. Annette reported that money was obligated the end of September to start the projects that were obligated for FY01. BLM can carry at least three projects and funding for other projects will be contingent upon future funding. BLM has been hiring contractors. Contracts are based on additional funding. With a new administration it is hard to know the status of funding and any anticipated projects.

Fast-track plans from each state and budget issues will be discussed at a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona next week. Vernal (energy plan) and Price are Utah plans. BLM will provide an update on funding later during the year (November/December) regarding

the status of contracts. This could be a leaner fiscal year. DWRI, UGS and other state agencies have contracts with BLM that may be impacted by budget adjustments and other changes in administration. Bill mentioned that DWRI has been receiving change applications on the Shivwits Project and BLM is participating on the NEPA compliance part of the project. Right now they are working on the Santa Clara River up by Gunlock Dam. Not sure if the BLM will be involved in the St. George water reuse project to bring treated effluent up to the reservation. DNR is a cooperating agency in the Vernal project.

Other federal liaison agencies should report to RDCC each year on their planned activities, according to their respective MOUs. BLM reports to the committee and the occasionally the USFS reports. NRCS, NPS and the USFWS have not been providing updates to RDCC. During November/December we need to request that they come and make a presentation to the committee, so the committee will know what to expect. This is likely to the change in administration. NPS may be asking for review for a management plan for Zion National Park for maintenance and infrastructure.

Vernal is out for Notice of Intent.

John Harja reported that Uinta National Forest Plan Revision comments went out of the first of the month and we received two sets of letters. Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan Revision comments are due on November 1, 2001 and we need your comments. Roadless issue is still under consideration. Comment letters are posted on the website, go to the "Project Listing" and click on "Comment" which is a hyperlink. Carolyn will be sending out a notice of this change. There are a number of projects regarding expediting energy projects, CEQ is putting out a request for comment on how to do this state and nationally. These comments will be due on October 31, 2001.

III. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

Pulled up the website to view projects and comment letters for Wide Hollow and for Uinta National Forest Plan Revisions (733) to view the Department of Agriculture letter. John mentioned that there are some concerns regarding the message that we are sending with comments, are they appropriate, how the comments fit in and what information will be focused upon. When we are commenting on specific plans, we need to information that focuses on specific information or comments these particular areas.

Next meeting will be held on Nov. 13, 2001. Bill will not be available to conduct this meeting. Bruce Ratzlaff was the vice-chairman. Kimm Harty made a motion to nominate Glade Sowards as the new vice-chairman for RDCC. Karl Kappe seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously by the committee.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.